back wages. The management have since reinstated them and, therefore, there is nothing for the Government to intervene in the matter. Regarding the dismissal of 23 workers, again the Industrial Tribunal was asked for permission to dismiss them but the Tribunal refused them permission and the management has since appealed to the Labour Appellate Tribunal. In these circumstances, there is nothing for the Government to do in the matter.

"As regards the question of recognition of Unions, the Government have examined the matter and have come to the conclusion that this is not an issue which can come within the meaning of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act."

Construction of Cannanore-Kozhikode trunk road.

*542 Q.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the expenses incurred for the construction of the new Cannanore-Kozhikode trunk road on the borders of Mahe;

(b) whether the old road is still closed to through traffic even after the changed set-up in Mahe; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to keep open the new railway bridge for traffic throughout day and night in the near future?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(a) Rs. 2·30 lakhs has been met so far.

"(b) No, Sir.

"(c) Yes, Sir."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—"May I know whether compensation was paid to the landholders for the loss of land and the improvements thereon incurred by them due to land acquisition for the construction of the road?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"I have no information on hand about the acquisition proceedings. If the hon. Member puts a separate question I shall answer it."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"The Hon. Minister has replied to clause (b) that the old road is still not closed. As a matter of fact, it is not open to traffic even now and the traffic is diverted through the new road?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"The Chief Engineer (Highways) has reported that the old road is now open for traffic but that the public service vehicles do not pass through Mahe. He has also reported that the public service vehicles are still passing through the diversion route only and that this may be due to the fact that there are prohibition chowkies on either side of Mahe."